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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT - GUANTANAMO  
PARIS - FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2005

(A) SUBJECTS COVERED IN TODAY'S REPORT:

GUANTANAMO

(B) SUMMARY OF COVERAGE:

THE BUDGET BATTLE BETWEEN PRESIDENT CHIRAC AND PRIME MINISTER  
BLAIR THAT HAS ARISEN FROM JACQUES CHIRAC'S CALL ON LONDON TO  
MAKE A "GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY" WITH THE EU BY GIVING UP ITS  
"REBATE" ON AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES NEGOTIATED IN 1984 BY  
MARGARET THATCHER, THE FRANCO-GERMAN TENSIONS FOLLOWING OVER  
THE FUTURE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND AIRBUS-BOEING CONFLICT IN  
LIGHT OF OPENING OF THE 2005 PARIS AIR SHOW DOMINATE HEADLINES  
TODAY.

CENTRIST ECONOMIC LA TRIBUNE CARRIES A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT ON  
THE PARIS AIR SHOW IN WHICH THE A380 IS FEATURED AS THE "STAR  
ATTRACTION." IN THE AREA OF MILITARY AVIATION, LA TRIBUNE'S  
THIERRY DEL JESUS NOTES "THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS YEAR'S AIR  
SHOW HAVE EVERY REASON TO REJOICE WITH THE MASSIVE MILITARY  
PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES. AFTER ITS NOTEWORTHY  
ABSENCE IN 2003 AS A RESULT OF THE DISAGREEMENTS CONCERNING  
THE WAR IN IRAQ. THIS IS A COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC TURN OF  
EVENTS THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESTIGIOUS IMAGE OF THE  
AIR SHOW BUT ALSO ADD TO THE SUSPENSE. THE MILITARY CONTRACTS  
THAT WILL BE NEGOTIATED, NAMELY SINGAPORE'S CHOICE BETWEEN  
BOEING'S F15 AND DASSAULT'S RAFALE, REPRESENT BILLIONS OF  
DOLLARS."

ECONOMIC DAILIES REPORT THE OPENING OF THE G-7 FINANCE  
MINISTERS MEETING WHICH IS TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND IN LONDON.  
THE MINISTERS WILL HAVE "PLENTY ON THEIR PLATE" ACCORDING TO  
CENTRIST ECONOMIC LA TRIBUNE, BUT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS  
FOR DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTER ON THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO CANCEL THE  
DEBT OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES. LA TRIBUNE WARNS: "WASHINGTON'S  
CONCESSIONS ARE TOO RECENT AND TOO IMPRECISE TO HOPE FOR AN  
AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED THIS WEEKEND."

THE FRONT-PAGE OF RIGHT-OF CENTER LE FIGARO CARRIES A REPORT  
ON INTERIOR MINISTER NICOLAS SARKOZY'S PROPOSALS MADE  
YESTERDAY AT A UMP CONVENTION AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON  
IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION. SARKOZY'S PROPOSALS CALLS FOR A  
"50 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ESCORTED  
BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN." THE INTERIOR MINISTER ALSO  
ADVOCATES SELECT IMMIGRATION IN ORDER TO "CONTROL THE FLOW OF  
IMMIGRANTS RATHER THAN BE SUBJECTED TO IT." THE NEW POLICY  
WOULD IN EFFECT ALLOW FRANCE TO ACCEPT ONLY THOSE NEW  
IMMIGRANTS IT NEEDS FOR ITS ECONOMY.

LIBERATION CARRIES A FULL-PAGE REPORT PENNED BY FABRICE  
ROUSSELOT AND PASCAL RICHE ENTITLED "IN THE U.S. PRESSURE IS  
MOUNTING ON GUANTANAMO" FOLLOWING THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL  
REPORT THAT QUALIFIED GUANTANAMO BAY AS A 'MODERN-DAY GULAG.'  
PRIVATE TF1 TELEVISION FEATURED A REPORT DURING THE EVENING  
NEWSCAST LAST NIGHT ON THE POLITICAL PRESSURE MOUNTING IN THE  
U.S. AGAINST THE GUANTANAMO DETENTION CENTER. THE REPORT  
UNDERScoreD THAT IT IS THE PENTAGON THAT INVENTED THE TERM  
"ENEMY COMBATANT" AND CALLED THE CENTER A "TIME BOMB" THAT THE  
WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO DEFUSE. (SEE PART C)

(C) SUPPORTING TEXT/BLOCK QUOTES:

GUANTANAMO

"IN THE U.S. PRESSURE IS MOUNTING ON GUANTANAMO"  
FABRICE ROUSSELOT AND PASCAL RICHE IN LEFT-OF-CENTER  
LIBERATION (06/10): "IN WASHINGTON THE APPEALS ARE INCREASING  
NUMEROUS AND LOUD TO SHUT DOWN THIS PRISON THAT OPENED IN  
JANUARY 2002. ACCORDING TO ITS DETRACTORS, GUANTANAMO FUELS  
THE RISK OF ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICANS RATHER THAN THE  
CONTRARY. IN THE STATE OF LAW THAT IS THE UNITED STATES,  
GUANTANAMO IS AN ABOMINATION THAT SHOCKS A GOOD DEAL OF  
AMERICANS." WOLFF